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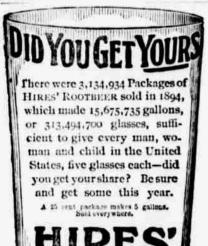
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#### LAYING FOR A BARGAIN. He Wanted a Clonk; but, Alas, He Came

Too Late. "Look a-here," he began as he entered

look on his face, "you had some wim-in's cloaks here last October fur \$15." "Yes, we did," replied the floorwalk-

er. "My ole woman wanted one, but I told her to hold on. About the fust of December them same cloaks was only "Yes; marked down to \$12."

"My ole woman wanted to buy then, but I told her to hold on. About the fust o' January them cloaks went down to \$9, didn't they?"

"Yes. We marked them down again." "My ole woman couldn't hardly stand still, but I told her to wait, and they'd be lower. About two weeks ago I saw 'em in the winder marked down to \$7.' "Yes. We were willing to sacrifice

rather than carry them over." "I had to git a rope around the ole woman to hold her, but I knowed what I was about. Here's your \$5."

"What for?" "Fur a cloak with a 36 bust, black cloth, horn buttons, two pockets. You've marked 'em down to \$5, of course, rather than carry 'em over. I hain't as smart as some, but when I kin save a straight \$10 bill I 'm right thar.'

"My dear sir," softly replied the floorwalker as he returned the bill, "I'm sorry to inform you that"-"That what?"

"That we haven't a single clock left!" The old man looked at him, turned white and red and swallowed a lump in his throat, and all he said as he went

"Waal, by thunder!"-Detroit Free Press.

#### The "Carclessest Creatures,"

He came home the other night tired from a busy day's work, and his wife waited till he had got his overcoat off and and sat down. "Did you get that piece of silk I asked

you to bring up tonight?" she asked, seeing he had not laid it before her. "Yes, dear; I left it out there in the hall."

"Did you get the pins?"

"Yes, dear." "And the ribbon?"

"And Bobbie's shoes?"

"And the whiskbroom?"

"Yes. "And a wick for the kitchen lamp?"

"Yes. "And some matches?"

"Yes; they are with the other bundles.

"And did you see the man about the coal?" "Yes; it will be up on Monday."

"And the man to see the grate in the

dining room?" "Yes; he's coming as soon as he can." "Did you see Mrs. Smith about the

sewing society meeting?" "She said she'd come." "And-and-oh, yes, did you get a

new shovel for the kitchen stove?" "N-n-no," he hesitated. "I forgot it."

"What!" she cried. "What did you shovel, and I told you about it the very won't be cross again. first thing when you went down town this morning. I do think men are the most forgetful and carelessest creatures flag of truce. I capitulate to tears." that ever lived." And she flopped out to see about supper. — Philadelphia evening.—Chicago Post.

#### Too Dazzling.

It was a small piece of glass about the size of a pea, but was set like a diamond, and adorned the white shirt bosom of a young man who was riding on a Woodward avenue car.

At Bagg street three pretty girls got into the car, and the young man began posing. Then the sauciest of the three girls said to her companions:

"Doesn't the light dazzle you?" "I should say so," was the answer.
"The cars ought to be provided for such an emergency." And she held a handkerchief up to her eyes.

"Fortunately I have my smoked glasses with me," said another, and taking out a pair of snow blinders she deliberately adjusted them to her bright op-

"Has any one heard that the Kohinoor has been stolen?" suggested one of the trie presently.

But the unfortunate owner of the solitaire had heard enough. He bounded from the car, and now when he goes out he leaves the gem at home. - Detroit Free Press.

#### Too Much For Endurance.

Employment Agent-You did not stay long in that last place." Domestic-Oi cudn't shtand that woman's insultin an vulgar language." Free Press.

"In what way?" "She says, 'Fill the coal hod' instid of 'Plaze, will yeh condescind to replenish the anthracite vase? "-New York Weekly.



She-What does it mean when a man threatens to commit suicide because you

The Widower-It means he prefers the refrigerator to the fryingpan.—Life.

#### An Inspiration

At George Cable's home, in Northimpton, Mass., there was lately a donble celebration-that of his own silea Woodward avenue dry goods store wedding and the marriage of his elders Saturday forenoon with a bargainish daughter, whose advent inspired her father's only published verses:

There came to port the other day The queerest little craft, Without a stitch of rigging on.
I looked and looked and laughed.

It seemed sestrange that she should come Acress that stormy water And anchor there, right in my room, My daughter, oh, my daughter

-Philadelphia Record.



Mrs. Fussy-You don't seem to be very fond of spending your evenings at

Fussy-Just what my mother said when I was courting you. - Scribner's Magazine.

#### Forecasting the Weather,

He was inclined to be humorous but sometimes unwise. He had forgotten to go home to supper, and he knew what was in store for him when he should finally get there, so just to be pleasant and entertaining he got some miniature flags at a toy store and put them into his pocket.

"John Henry!" exclaimed his wife as he entered the bouse. "I should think you'd be ashamed of yourself to treat your wife with so little consideration." He slowly unrolled his little package of flags, took out a square red one with a black square in the center and fastened it to the mantel.

"What's that?" she demanded sharp-

ly.
"Storm signal," he replied pleasantly. She drew herself up haughtily. Once or twice she seemed on the point of speaking, but controlled herself and finally turned coldly away. He merely took down the red flag and replaced it with a white one with a black center.

"Cold wave," he said. There was a moment's silence, and he saw that her feelings were hurt. "You're cruel," she said at last. "You stay away from dinner and then you come home just to make fun of me I-1"-

He put up a blue flag.

"Rain or snow," said he. "Why do you want to be so mean?" she asked tearfully. "Why can't you be do that for? You know we needed that the dear, kind man you used to be? I

> He put up a white flag. "Fair weather," he said, "and also a And the white flag floated the entire

#### The Rose and the Thorn.

She was no longer a rosebud. Indeed she was in full bloom and had been so through several seasons. But she had money, and he loved

How often men do that way!

Oh, money, thou art a honey! So as time were on and she grew no younger his heart throbbed more and more, until he stilled its throbbing by proposing to her.

He was so sure of her, at her time of life, that anything but a prompt acceptance never occurred to him.

What was his intense, nay painful, surprise, then, to hear her say she was very much obliged to him for his kind ness, but really she must decline.

"Oh, why, why?" he pleaded in heartbroken tones. "Because I do not love you," she an-

swered. "But you can learn to love me," he

said coaxingly.
"I think not," she persisted. "Oh, yes, you can," he exclaimed, grabbing at her lily white hand. "One is never too old to learn, you know." How he ever escaped alive it is no part of the chronicler's business to ex-

plain. This is no detective tale .- Detroit

#### More General.

"I suppose you want the lady's name engraved inside, sir?" said the jeweler, after Tillinghast had selected an engagement ring.

"Oh, no," replied the careful young man; "just put inside, 'To my heart's own treasure,' or 'The star of my life!" "-Life.

#### A New Rule.

Rule for ascertaining a woman's age: To half of a female enemy's positive knowledge add the square root of her own statement. To this result add a quarter of the estimate of a masculine admirer, and then guess .- New York Recorder.

#### Evidence.

"So you still believe in the Darwinian theory, do you?"

"Of course I do. What is the spring housecleaning mania but a survival of the times when we were birds?"-Cincinuati Tribune.

#### Often Dropped.

"She has been jilted six times. No Wonder she has no heart. " "Yes, constant dropping will wear sway a stone."-Detroit Tribune.

Tempting the Elements.

There is a great difference between courage and foolhardiness, but some people do not seem to be aware of it. "I ain't sca't of a thunderstorm, no more'n the majority o' folks, s'fur's I know," said Miss Mira Jenkins, "but, I declare to man, it does rile me up to be over to Cousin John's when there's a sharp nigh shower. John's kerryin's on are enough to put a body into fidgets."

Does he leave windows open an have drafts playin round?" asked Miss Polly Jenkins.

"Drafts!" echoed Miss Mira. "That house is one mess o' drafts from one end to another. But that ain't what I'm referrin to. I ain't partial to bein stived up in a close room s'long as there's a roll o' thunder to be heard with an ear trumpet, as you know."

"Yes, Miry, I know you're jest as brave as a lion," said Miss Polly meek-

ly, "No; I aint," returned Miss Mira. "If I was, I cal'late I shouldn't mind John's doin's. But while there was a fearful shower goin on there last week he called to me to come out to the kitchen, an when I got there he stood right in the window with the carvin knife that he obeen a-sharpenin up for dinner in

" 'Look, Miry!' says he, ketchin me by the arm an p'intin over toward the west. 'There, look at that!' says he as there come two jaggedy streaks o' lightnin, p'intin 'em out with the carvin knife. 'Ain't that wonderful?'

"'Yes,' says I, drawin off from him, 'it is wonderful, but,' says I, 'if you think I'm a-goin to stand here with you. John Follet, an help you becken up that lightnin with a carvin knife you've mistook your woman!'

"An I should alus say the same," concluded Miss Mira, with great decision, "for foolish skeers is one thing, an temptin the elements is another, accordin to my mind "-Youth's Companion.

An Excellent Reason, The two wives were discussing the pecuniary peculiarities of their respective husbands, and they coincided with great unanimity until they reached the point of their own relation to the purso

"My husband never gives me a cent of money unless he growls about my extravagance," said one.

"Mine does the same thing," attested the other. "But I get even with him," and her

face showed the color of satisfaction. "How do you ever do it?" "I go through his trousers pockets

when he is asleep." "Goodness gracious!" exclaimed the other. "I wouldn't do that for anything."

"Why not? Haven't we a right to the money as well as they have?"

"Yes, but I wouldn't go into my hus band's trousers pockets for it."

"I'd like to know why?" quite indignant at the apparent reproof. "Because," blushed the other, "he carries his money in his vest."-Detroit



## -Texas Siftings.

Mean. "I think that Highfive is the stinglest man ever created."

"Why?" "He was recently sick and fell into a trance. His friends supposed he was dead and put him into a coffin. He returned to life, however.'

"Well, now he's brought an action against the undertaker because he won't take the coffin back."-Tit-Bits. Assailed by a Worse Fear.

"James," said his wife, with a sudden suspicion, "I see a hair-a white hair''-

"No, no!" he gasped.

"Well?"

"On your coat collar." "Is that all?" said Jamer. "How you frightened me! I thought you meant you saw it in my head "-Chicago Tribune.

Their Amusement. May-I wonder what the men do at

the club. Pamelia-From what Jack says, I guess they play with the kitty most of the time. - Harlem Life.

Cyclolotry.

often drift on fancy's wondrous stream Far out into the vagaries of a dream And wonder what the ancients had been like And wonder what the ancients had been like
Had they the bike.
Think of hig Hector tied up by the heel
Tight to the step of strong Achilies' wheel;
And Dad Eneas scorehing out of Troy
Behind his boy.
See Aristotle with a humped up back
"Peripateting" on a four lap track,
And Socrates a pedaling for his life
From his sharp wife.
If Alexander had a wheel would he
Have cut so wide a swath in history?
Or spent his youth, like modern royal sons.

Or spent his youth, like modern royal sons,
In century runs?

Just fancy Julius Casar (if you will)

A-coasting down the Capitolean hill,
Or Cleopatra touring by the Nile

Or Cleopatra fouring by the Nile
In royal style,
Can your imagination dwell on Cain
Cycling the world in spite of wind and rain?
Or on your mother Eve (I do not jest)
It seems to use that if the chosen race
Had had some speedy man to make the pace
"Twould not have taken farty years to reach
The world went offerent then, but what's
the colds? the order.
They didn't have the labor they had the gods.

No gods rule us (the change I rather like);
We've god the bake
-Bearings.

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